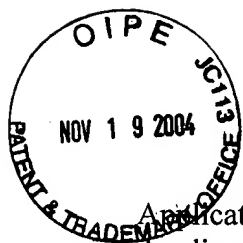


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Sir:

Responsive to a Final Office Action dated October 12, 2004 as entered in the above-captioned matter, Applicants hereby respectfully submit the following amendment and response, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.